

Memo

To: Federation Task Force Members

From: Tracy Cook, Lead Consulting & Learning Librarian

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Re: **Questions to start the conversation**

After you have reviewed the federation history video and the feedback from the fall federation meetings, please consider the following questions. These questions came from the State Library Commission, public library directors, public library board members, MSL staff, and federation coordinators. We will discuss them during the meeting.

- What is the benefit of federations for libraries? For Montanans?
- What challenges are federations experiencing? What is missing? What could change?
- Is the current legislative intent still relevant? Does the current structure support that intent?
- Where does it make sense to be regional versus statewide? What is truly unique about federations? Where do they have the greatest impact?

We will end our discussion with a conversation about next steps and any initial recommendations we have.